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# 29 Believed Dead, 312 Injured In New Jersey Munitions Blast; Damage Is Estimated in Millions

# South Amboy

98th Year. No. 140.

By the Associated Press SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., May 20 -Possibly 29 persons were dead and at least 312 injured in this blast-shocked city today after 600 tons of ammunition exploded last night with a thunderous explosion heard in three States.

The number of injured was announced by the American Red Pictures of South Amboy Explosion

Explosion Brings Scenes of Panic and Heroism to South Amboy. Page A-4

in critical condition. In the wreckage of this waterfront city, 21 miles southwest of New York, it appeared to have

The big blast on a string of ammunition barges shook the earth at 6:25 p.m. (EST) last night.

Today South Amboy counted its damage as running into the millions of dollars. Normal life was interrupted. Most of the injured

#### were wounded by flying glass. Two Bodies Identified.

Four bodies lay in an improvised morgue, two identified. Between 20 and 25 men were working on a dock when the explosion sent a jagged flame into the sky last

They still were missing today. Three miles across the Raritan River in Perth Amboy, Mayor Forces parade. James J. Flynn estimated that 300 persons were injured by flying President Truman and his high heavy motor vehicles, gun car-

But there appeared to be some in the two communities since many injured in South Amboy Leaders Call for Bolstered Defenses, stand. were rushed to the sister city

Army troops, Marines and Coast Guardsmen converged on the as New York City.

#### Mines Strewn Over Area.

in charge of Marines at the scene. area by the explosion. Squads of demolition experts were probing the waterfront area today.

A sound truck patroled the city, objects. Notify State police at city

its dock area, where the blast occurred, had suffered \$5 million

A state of emergency was declared in this city of 10,000 population. State police ringed the outskirts to bar the curious.

The explosion started rumors of over the town.

Troops, with bayonets drawn, patrolled the area throughout the night. Officers said there was no looting. Extra guards were posted

Frank Cinelli, about 23, of Jer- ing the Maritime Commission.

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## **Nationalists Abandon** 2 More Island Groups

TAIPEI, Formosa, May 20.- Democrat, of Colorado, obtained Abandonment of the Saddle and an agreement for a vote at 2:30 nese Nationalists.

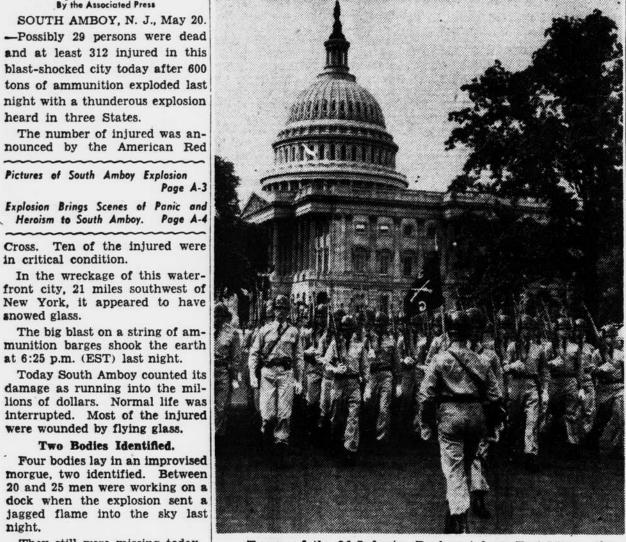
The islands are north of the eral Power Commission. Chusan group which the Nationalists abandoned earlier in the week. Friday night, will further cripple ing to the General Services Ad- came plain Mrs. Toshimichi Ta- Western morning clothes. the Nationalist blockade of Communist Shanghai.

Earlier, naval headquarters reported wiping out more than 200 the President's reorganization home of Prince Takamatsu, Hiro-Communist troops who landed Friday on Chingchow Island, in the Wanshan (Ladrone) group

southwest of Hong Kong. (In Hong Kong, the independent newspaper Wah Kiu Yat Po said the Chinese Reds had seized all the Wanshans after the Nationalists evacuated the two main islands, Lapsapmei and Tungao, yesterday morn-

landing at noon yesterday, immediately launched a counterlanding. They encircled the Hulls and in a four-hour battle killed all but 22 who were battle killed all but 23 who were battle killed all but 24 who were battle killed all but 25 who wer captured, headquarters said.

# South Ambout Explosion at Docks Shatters Town of In Armed Forces Observance Third Force' in



Troops of the 3d Infantry Regiment from Fort Myer swing into the line of march down Constitution avenue in the Armed -Star Staff Photo.

dreds of windows were smashed Nation's first joint Armed Forces mixed units, and WAVES, WACS first consideration. in the Perth Amboy business dis- Day parade of military strength and woman Marines. on land, sea and in the air.

With the temperature at 55, the armed forces, some of them in surrendering parts of their sov-

Page A-2 On the platform with the Presi-Truman Backs Draft. Page A-5 dent were Secretary of Defense said Additional Pictures on

stricken city. Physicians and a flag-bedecked platform on Constitution avenue in the rear of in uniform; Admiral Leahy, forthe White House as 6,500 members mer personal chief of staff to the of the Army, Navy, Air Forces and President. Marines, marched past to the mu-Marine Capt. William Geftman, sic and flourishes of 17 bands.

Also in the colorful procession. said hundreds of anti-personnel which took 70 minutes to pass the torney General McGrath, Agriculmines were strewn through the reviewing platform, were light and ture Secretary Brannan and Un-

### Move to Bar Revision retary of the Air Force Finletter. a hoarse voice warning residents: Of FTC and FPC to Get The Pennsylvania Railroad said Senate Test Monday

#### 5 Reorganization Plans In All Face Vote Before Deadline on Tuesday

an atomic attack as the blast sent mapped plans to save other parts Sesquicentennial Commission. a spout of black smoke towering of President Truman's reorganization program from being dis-

Action on five other reorgan- Hill to the reviewing stand. ization proposals is scheduled for Crowds filled the sidewalks in the outside two banks which had been Senate yesterday, suddenly haltthin between Capitol Hill and would surrender a big chunk of Republican in the 1948 presidenand double time for Sunday. ing its scrapping of the Presi-Sixth street N.W. The two identified dead were dent's plans, upheld one abolish-

This was the sixth plan consid-President Truman last March. By law any reorganization plan offered by the President goes into

fered by the President goes into effect automatically unless either to make comments on their appearance. the military units and was seen to make comments on their applan. "utmost" to get Britain into the plan. it within 60 days. Racing to beat the deadline next Tuesday, Senator Johnson, (Continued on Page A-5, Col. 1.)

on a plan to reorganize the Fed-

Other Resolutions. The withdrawal, accomplished disapproval for two plans relat- of Emperor Hirohito, today beministration, and one for the katsukasa, wife of a \$20-a-month

> Administration supporters said The wedding took place at the plans generally followed the rec- hito's brother. The austere Shinto ommendations of the bi-partisan ceremony was formal and private commission headed by former -only about 30 members of the President Hoover. Opponents dis- two families attended. puted this as far as some of the It was the first time, so far as plans were concerned and con- is known, that a Japanese Em- rented tended that the President's pro- peror saw one of his children former Admiral Saburo Hyakuposals, in some case, indicated a married.

Before it approved by a vote the route from the imperial palof 59 to 14 the President's pro-posal to abolish the Maritime The Nationalists said their tions to the Commerce Depart-troops, learning of the Communist ment, the Senate had rejected shrine.

Dusuke, is chief priest at Me Ji household, for which trained 18 months.

The newlyweds were priested to the communist ment, the Senate had rejected shrine.

# Third Force' in Western Europe

**Dynamic Policy Based** On Coal, Steel Pool Challenges British

LONDON, May 20.-A new "dy-

namic" French foreign policylaunched with the Schuman plan and running strongly through the Western Big Three and Atlantic Council talks here—is challenging Britain's political leadership in Western Europe.

France's new line is shaped to rally West Europe-with or without Britain—into a powerful "third force" of nations turning away from the cold war and concentrating more on the economic social and financial rebuilding of In Oregon Primary

An informed source termed the policy "emphatically not anti-American" — stressing that the French reorientation in viewpoint in no sense means that Europe should be less ready to fight in defense of Western Democracy.

Main Lines of Policy. Its main lines are these: 1. The United States' tendency

o view global problems primarily to win Republican renomination on the assumption that a new war in yesterday's primary election. is virtually inevitable should be jettisoned. 2. Rebuilding of Europe on the tion.

assumption that peace is possible glass in that city of 48,000. Hun-command today reviewed the riers, armored cars, Negro and should be pushed forward as a 3. The nations of West Europe should stop just talking about The woman members of the

duplication of figures of injured President sat without topcoat on summer uniforms, got a big hand ereignty for closer unity and take as they passed the reviewing firm steps toward the goal of a unified closely knit West. Informed sources in London those lines were pushed

Johnson, Deputy Secretary Ste- strongly in the three-nation and 12-nation talks just concluded. phen T. Early, Gen. Eisenhower, Indications of New Policy.

So far there have been these indications of the new policy's years.' effectiveness: Other cabinet members included

Spokesmen for Europe's smaller Commerce Secretary Sawyer, Atdersecretary of State Webb, Secretary of the Army Page and Sec-

satellites." It is known that French Foreign Minister Schuman strongly ary and an isolationist" by Senpublican, of New York, who in urged in the Big Three talks that ator Morse, admitted defeat at World War I headed the Senate "cold war" aspects of those talks 1 a.m. (PDT). Military Committee, was spotted or the Atlantic Council sessions

Johnson, who took the Congress- entirely in communiques. man to Mr. Truman for a hand-The Schuman plan-a keystone rangeland. of the new policy because it dram-Sharing in the honors at the re- atilzes the necessity for surrender in sharp contrast to his first viewing point was Robert Young, of sovereignty by any one who primary campaign six years ago, hours' pay for a 40-hour weekthe movie actor, who, drove by wants to join—caught the British when he unseated former Senator the same terms granted to 1 mil-

With five proposals already re- automobile with "Miss Columbia." Schuman announced it the day jected, Senate leaders today The car carried the banner of the before the Big Three Talks opened. It calls for a pooling of German Overcast skies and a threat of and French coal and steel rerain held down attendance along sources but carefully leaves the they have more registered voters Constitution avenue from Capitol door ajar for British entry.

Britain Pressed to Decision.

sovereignty if the arrangement tial election. The President and his aides were to work effectively, the open stood at attention as the flags invitation to Britain to get aboard ered among the 21 submitted by went by. A combat veteran of the cart edges her deftly toward the first World War. President a decision she long has disliked. Truman gave critical attention to A diplomatic informant said

> Stressing that the revamped rade was a jeep containing a French policy contains no anti- In English Waters (See FRANCE, Page A-2.)

### Parker Islands, small groups near p.m. Monday on a resolution disapproving a proposal dealing with the mouth of the Yangtze River, the Federal Trade Commission. was announced tonight by the ChiThis will be followed by action \$20-Per-Month Museum Aide

Bringing up the rear of the pa-

Others in Reviewing Stand.

Representative Wadsworth, Re-

TOKYO, May 20. - Princess and lengthening to a train in Also pending are resolutions of Taka, attractive second daughter back. museum attendant.

Thousands of Japanese lined The bridegroom's father, No

(See REORGANIZATION, A-2.) both was a brilliant red robe with "maintain her dignity."

full sleeves, knee-length in front Takatsukasa, 26, wore formal

The tiny, bespectacled Hiro-

assistants conducted the cere- are going." monies. newlyweds will live The quarters in the home of

gold chrysanthemum seal.

take. There will be no honeyback on his job Monday.

Taka, who gave up her royal Commission and transfer its func-busuke, is chief priest at Me li household, for which she has can do about it," the Admiralty can be satisfied.

# **Britain Demands Recall Senator Morse Beats**

To Vote Independently; **Democratic Races Close** 

By the Associated Press PORTLAND, Oreg., May 20 .trounced conservative opposition

Since 1914 Republican nomination has been tantamourt to elecvoted more often with Democrats

Republican Promises

than with Republicans, Senator Morse promised to keep on voting Strike is Postponed "independently upon issues as I see them. Senator Morse defeated Dave Hoover, a former Los Angeles deputy sheriff who became a dairy

farmer in Oregon's rugged coastal range. He was unknown in Oregon until party conservatives led him through a campaign which Senator Morse described as "the worst smear campaign in 25

Opponent Concedes.

On a basis of unofficial returns "They certainly didn't talk like committee clerk in Washington, trailed with 8,507.

Mr. Hoover, called "a reaction-

Senator Morse's big margin was ed last Tuesday.

Democrats Heartened. the fact that for the first time increase. than do the Republicans, are to win control of this last GOP Since the plan clearly means stronghold of the West. Oregon

> For this primary, 354,575 Democrats and 346,038 Republicans were registered. For the 1948 gen-

(See OREGON, Page A-2.)

mouth, but nobody seemed to men's and conductors' cases. know what they were fishing for. Various other reports said as many as 10 other small Soviet craft were in or had gone through

mono, arrived in the big maroon an ordinary passage to the Black Daimler-Benz with the 16-petal Sea from the Baltic. But an Admiralty spokesman added: "We Three chief priests and three don't actually know where they

> powers begin combined exercises where he was sent as a result of had diverted the stream from the in the Bay of Biscay next week. his refusal to pay a \$775 judgment former's land and won his suit The Russian vessels might pass against him. Takatsukasa will report through that area on their way to the Black Sea.

#### Of Hungarian Attache By the Associated Press

LONDON, May 20.-Britain, ir reprisal for the ouster order of three of her diplomats from Fired Employe Held Budapest, has demanded the recall of an Attache stationed at the Hungarian Legation here.

In a note to the Hungarian Minister yesterday, the British Foreign Office said the Attache. Janos Nagy, must leave Britain Senator Wayne Morse decisively set by the Hungarian government cally today in a shooting at his have voted "no" if present.

# Switchmen to Begin To those who contended that he Wage lalks luesday;

**Mediation Board Pledges Prompt Parleys With** 10 Western Railroads

By the Associated Press The AFL Switchmen's Union Carnes?' will start new wage-hour talks with 10 Western railroads Tuesday-instead of going on strike unteered: that day, as originally scheduled.

The walkout was postponed yesnations took a strongly inde- from 1,321 of Oregon's 2,017 pre- terday—until June 1—by Arthur then explained that he and Mr.

the National (Railway) Media-counts.

Of the 36 counties, Mr. Hoover switchmen in vital yard service on office. in an adjacent stand by Secretary should be played down or dropped carried only two. Both are small lines operating west of Chicago. counties in the Central Oregon None of these lines was involved tongue out of my head," the in the firemen's strike which end- policeman said Weakley told him

The switchmen are seeking 48 shivering on the back seat of an Foreign Office flatfooted. Mr. Rufus C. Holman, 70,716 to 60,436. lion members of the 17 non-operating rail unions last September The Democrats, heartened by along with a 7-cent hourly rate

Chairman Francis A. O'Neill, jr., of the National Mediation making a supreme effort this year Board, who announced the postponement, told reporters that Mr. Monday and Tuesday, after the midtown section, but were spread that both France and Germany is the only Western State to vote and-a-half pay for Saturday work

Disputes Are Kept Separate. The switchmen refused to combine their dispute with that of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railway Press in Vienna Hails Conductors, two other so-called "operating" unions manning the Agreement on Austria moving trains. Mr. Glover said those two unions had 10 other

A presidential board assigned to the Western Big Three agreement look into all three cases reported on Austria. LONDON. May 20.—Sixteen on April 19 that the switchmen Russian fishing trawlers and tugs would not co-operate and that it London, now it is Moscow's turn," Magpie in August. and a mother ship anchored in could make no recommendation was the comment of the right-English waters today off Fal- until it had disposed of the train- wing Neue Wiener Tages-Zeitung

# Food Firm Manager Shot at Office Here;

BUT... NOT TOO

INDEPENDENT!

T. G. Carnes Wounded Critically: Suspect Gives Up at Police Station

The manager of a food-dison or before May 23-the date tributing firm was wounded critifor the departure of the three office. Police held a driver-sales-British diplomats from Budapest. man, who was fired by the victim Lucas can change the attitude of

> Food Co., was taken to Casualty Wherry Compares Party S Hospital suffering from bullet wounds in the head and left shoul-

into the fifth precinct station and, he set no definite time. according to Pvt. Anthony Cuozzo, asked:

"Have you had any report about the shooting of a man named

· Man Tells of Arugument. When Pvt. Cuozzo replied affirmatively, he said Weakley vol-

"I'm the guy that shot him." pendent line in the Atlantic cincts, Senator Morse led 64,270 to J. Glover, union president, after ley's handling of customer ac-Carnes had argued about Weak-

tion Board promised to begin new "That guy was going to take CIO also issued a statement repeace talks here next week in a my papers away," Pvt. Cuozzo senting the Senate's action, and last-ditch effort to break the quoted Weakley. The salesman stating the vote "clearly shows added that Mr. Carnes wanted to that the present cloture procedure The dispute affects about 6,000 send the papers to the firm's main does not meet the needs of the

> "Carnes threatened to choke the efficiency." adding that he then fired the gun.

> > Pistol Found at Home.

from other employes. Weakley minutes after the shoot- motion indefinitely unless cloture ing. They described him as a 6footer with gray hair.

Employes were working elsewhere in the two-story brick building when the shooting oc-

(See SHOOTING, Page A-5.)

VIENNA, Austria, May 20.-

on the decision to ease the occu- be raised from lieutenant to lieu-The poard's report to President pation burden and appoint civil- tenant commander.

to force his neighbor to build a

Mr. Phillips' present stay at the

ian high commissioners in the

### (See SWITCHMEN, Page A-2.) Western zones. the English Channel in the past Rockingham Farmer Held in Jail hito, in Western dress, and Empress Nagako, wearing a blue kisaid yesterday he thought it was For Refusing to Pay Judgment

HARRISONBURG, Va., May 20. Mr. Phillips and a neighbor. Alvin - A 65-year-old Rockingham Kerns, over the course of a County farmer is on a "sit-down stream. British and other Brussels Pact strike" in the county jail here, Mr. Kerns claimed Mr. Phillips

dam to place the stream back in The farmer, Robert G. Phillips of Clover Hill, also has refused to its original course. "If they appear on the scene say where he has deposited \$9,000 jail is the third he has spent as rank and privileges, will take over when the warships meet for the which he received recently in the management of her husband's maneuvers, there is nothing we sale of his farm, so the judgment a result of the case. His first was a five-day sentence for violating an injunction prohibiting

in British territorial waters. The judgment was entered junction.

# **Lucas Continues Battle Despite FEPC Setback**

#### Bill Appears Dead; **Each Party Places** Blame on the Other

By J. A. O'Leary

The Fair Employment Practices bill today appeared to be dead until next year as a result of the Senate's refusal yesterday to curb

debate on it. Although Majority Leader Lucas of Illinois has announced he will make another try to invoke the new cloture rule, yesterday's ballot indicates he is waging a hopeless

The result had scarcely been announced yesterday when Republicans and Democrats began pointing the finger of blame at each other. Their outbursts were only a preview of the argument that will go on during the fall congressional election campaigns as to which party will do more

for civil rights. In yesterday's voting the Republicans had the best of the argument. The vote was 52 to 32 in favor of curbing debate, but the new rule requires 64-twothirds of the entire 96 member-

Six Republicans Oppose Cloture. Of the 42 Republicans, 33 voted for cloture and six against. Only three Republicans were absent. Of the 54 Democrats, 19 voted for cloture, 26 against and nine were absent.

In addition to the 32 votes actually cast against, it was announced that Senator Withers. Democrat, of Kentucky, would

one or more Senators who voted Thomas G. (Jack) Carnes, 43, "no" yesterday, he could not win of 828 North Edison street, Ar- on another attempt even if all the lington, manager of the Blue Plate other absentees voted with him.

Senator Lucas indicated he is willing to lay aside his FEPC motion from time to time to clear At 11:30 a.m., 30 minutes after the way for other legislation, the shooting, Luther R. Weakley, until he is ready to make another 57, of 1217 G street S.E., walked test of the cloture rule, for which

> Republican floor leader, lost no time in estimating that 78.5 per cent of the Republicans voted to clear the way for consideration of the bill as compared to 36.5 per cent of the Democrats. Democratic Leader Lucas retaliated by pointing out the vote

Senator Wherry of Nebraska.

bore out his prediction that the new rule, requiring two-thirds of the entire membership, would not President Philip Murray of the

American people - for legislative New Rule Is Defended.

Senator Wherry contended that if the new rule, which he helped draft, had not been adopted last Asked what he had done with year, Senator Lucas could not the weapon, Weakley replied that even have obtained a cloture vote he took it home. Police said they yesterday, because the old rule had found a .38 caliber revolver there, been held to be in order only on Weakley said nothing about a bill after it is taken up. At having been discharged last night, present the pending question is but police said they learned of it merely a motion to take up the bill, and Southern opponents have Police flashed a lookout for made it clear they will debate that

> Even if the old rule, requiring only two-thirds of those present

is applied.

(See FEPC, Page A-5.)

#### Prince Philip to Get Command of Frigate

LONDON, May 20 .- Princess Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip. demands which did not affect the Vienna's anti-Communist press won his first command in the gave banner play this morning to British Navy today.

The Admiralty announced the

tall, handsome Philip will take "The first relief came from charge of the anti-aircraft frigate Court circles also predicted that about the same time he would

Philip, 29 next month, now is first lieutenant of the destroyer

### Chequers, based at Malta. Nine-Day Diet-

Pounds Vanish! In nine days you can be 5 to 10 pounds slimmer than you are today! And you won't be hungry, for the diet is made up of foods that contribute to perfect nutrition-and that means better health. Josephine Lowman, whose column "Why Grow Old?" appears daily and Sunday on the woman's page of The Star, is offering once again her famous "Nine-Day Reducing Diet." which has always been a hit

second violation of the same in- appear on Monday on the regular woman's page.

with readers.